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## 375 Anniversary Celebration Committee September 27, 2017

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### Call to Order

A meeting of the 375 Anniversary Celebration Committee was held at the Gladys L. Hurrell Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road, on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Commenced at 7:10 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Mike Costello, Ken Abrams, Abby Abrahamson, Jake Kramer, Neal Harrington, Cynthia Lee, Jean Grota, Kim Fagundes, Cheryl Gouveia, Connie Wenzel-Jordan

**Guests Present:** Gerry Schwall, Ken Foley, Odette LaCourse, Elyssa Tardiff, Sandy Phillips, Cathy Potter, John Carr

**Approval of Minutes :** Cheryl Gouveia motioned to approve minutes from September 13, 2017. Second by Jake Kramer. Approved unanimously.

**375<sup>th</sup> Account Funds:** Cheryl Gouveia reported that the 375 Committee has \$5,257 + in account from donations, tee-shirt sales

**Introduction:** Cheryl Gouveia introduced Sandy Phillips who has applied to become an appointed member of the 375 Committee.

**Town Meeting Warrant Item:** Mike Costello reported he was able to submit an article requesting "seed money" of \$50K from the Town of Rehoboth on the warrant for the November 6, 2017 Town Meeting.

**Donation Drive:** Jean Grotta reported the Bucket/Boot Drive Donation Collection held on Saturday, September 23 at the intersection of Routes 44 and 118 successfully raised over \$2,300 dollars. She thanked all the committee members who volunteered to stand in the roadways asking for donations to fund the 375 Parade. She added that we should consider another donation drive.

**Route 44 Banner Sign:** Jake Kramer gave an update on the banner sign installed across Route 44 near the Redway Plain. Due to an error of the sign printer hired by Fast Signs, the sign has a date typo. A new sign is being made and will replace the one with the mistake. The sign colors will also be reversed for easier readability.

**Clam Bake:** Ken Foley and Odette LaCourse from Francis Farm attended the meeting as guests. Francis Farm has been booked for the 375 Clam Bake scheduled for July 21, 2018. Foley explained that Francis Farm has 128 years of experience in the clam bake business. He offered his assistance and outlined what he can do including the clam bake and other event suggestions such as a movie night, banquet for the golf tournament, and use of the Francis Farm trolley. He said he will give the committee a good price for the July clam bake (tickets per person for clam bake and/or other meal options) and provide full food service, bar, restrooms and site amenities. Foley said he will donate a portion of the "money from refreshments" to the 375 Committee. He also offered space at the facility to erect a Rehoboth 375 Sign. Laura Schwall will be the liaison to Francis Farm. Ken Abrams asked Ken about hosting the 375 Golf Tournament dinner (following the tournament at multiple courses) on August 4, 2017. Motion to approve booking Francis Farm on July 21 made by Cheryl Gouveia. Second by Jake Kramer. Approved unanimously.

**Keep Rehoboth Beautiful:** Abby Abrahamson provided everyone with her preliminary plan for the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful litter clean-up for next spring. She created a summary of monthly goals for her sub-committee and is looking for volunteers. She has already partnered with the Great Massachusetts Clean Up and received a "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful" graphic to use. She would like to do a tee-shirt fundraiser using that logo to raise funds and build awareness. Abby hopes to involve local youth including a motivational scavenger hunt (of commonly littered items). Kim Fagundes said she would speak with Rev. Sarah at Rehoboth Congregational Church to enlist their help. Abby is already connected with the Rehoboth Business Association, a donor to her Rehoboth Litter Prevention Initiative. She gave the committee an update on the progress of RLPI. Three sturdy trash barrels have been ordered and will be placed in popular walking areas. The trash cans will be emptied by the Rehoboth Highway Department at regular intervals. She hopes more barrels will be ordered to cover all parts of town.



**Militia Timeline:** Cathy Potter announced an idea from members of the Rehoboth Minutemen to organize and host a historical militia "timeline" encampment. The "timeline" will feature historical re-enactors portraying various periods of time in Rehoboth history. The encampment/educational event will include various groups representing early colonists, Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War. Preferred location for this event is the Nike Park near the town office because it's quieter than the Redway Plain and mowing the field might not be such an issue. Preferred timeframe is a weekend in late September next year.

**Carpenter Museum:** Elyssa Tardiff, Director of the Carpenter Museum, was in attendance as a guest to talk about working with Frank Cardoza on the oral history project. The museum already has videos on YouTube with oral histories. She announced the museum will do some 375 projects including guest speakers for the spring, and a 375 exhibit (digital and physical) of ten objects in the museum's collection that make up with national history.

**Historical Commission Rehoboth Home Tour:** John Carr reported the Rehoboth Historical Commission is working on doing a spring tour of Rehoboth homes for the 375 Anniversary. They are currently trying to coordinate with historic homeowners. Odette LaCourse from Francis Farm offered the use of their trolley.

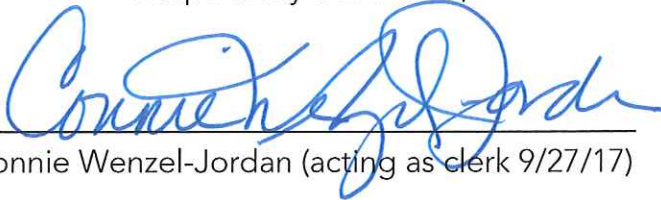
**Pasta Supper:** Jake Kramer, Kim Fagundes, Sandra Phillips and Ken Abrams are organizing the October 5 Pasta Supper Fundraiser at American Legion Post 302. Tickets are \$10 per person. Kramer acknowledged Skip and Trish Vadnais from Homestead Farm for donating the tomato sauce that will be used in the special sauce. Connie Wenzel-Jordan said she would sell the 375 Commemorative tee-shirts at the event.

**Tee Shirt Sales:** Connie Wenzel-Jordan reported that she arranged two Saturday pop-up sale events at Bristol County Savings Bank from 9 AM to 1 PM on October 21 and November 18.

**375 Parade:** Jean Grotta gave an update on the parade sub-committee. She brought up the pros and cons of having the parade on Route 44 and suggested the alternative of having the parade on Tremont Street. Mike Costello agreed that using Tremont Street has many advantages and overall is a more favorable route.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Neal Harrington to adjourn the Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Jake Kramer. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie Wenzel-Jordan (acting as clerk 9/27/17)

Meeting Minutes Approved: Date: Oct. 25, 2017 Time: 7:07 PM

Signature of 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman  
after minutes have been approved:



Michael R. Costello – Chairman

**OUT NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7 PM, SENIOR CENTER**